Listing of the Pending Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising

applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one soya peptide.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by hydrolyzing a protein extracted from soya.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide with a strain of *Lactobaccillus*.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 200 daltons to about 20,000 daltons.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 800 daltons.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one α-hydroxyacid.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the proportion of α-hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the α-hydroxyacid is lactic acid.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one tripeptide consisting essentially of the amino residues glycine, histidine, and lysine.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks and/or an at least one area liable to form stretchmarks, a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one tripeptide having the sequence Gly-His-Lys, and the tripeptide is conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the tripeptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition further comprises at least one α-hydroxyacid.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the proportion of α-hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition further comprises lactic acid.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.

19. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, a mixture of at least one soya peptide and at least one tripeptide selected from tripeptides wherein the tripeptide has the sequence Gly-His-Lys, and the tripeptide is conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks and/or an at least one area liable to form stretchmarks, a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one soya peptide and at least one tripeptide consisting essentially of the amino residues glycine, histidine, and lysine.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more stretchmarks are a result selected from puberty, pregnancy, a gain in weight and mechanical stress.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one area of skin is selected from skin of thighs, skin of abdomen, skin of breast and combinations thereof.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more stretchmarks are a result selected from puberty, pregnancy, a gain in weight and mechanical stress.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one area of skin is selected from skin of thighs, skin of abdomen, skin of breast and combinations thereof.